

Newspapers Don't Amount to Much But They Amount To More Than the Sorehead Who Goes Around Always Kicking About the Newspapers

ICEBOUND CREW  
RESCUED IN LAKE  
MICHIGAN TODAYSteamer Sydney O. Neff Isolated  
for a Week

## IN TOW TO OPEN WATER

Wireless Made No Mention of Seven  
Men Who Tried to Reach Im-  
prisoned Craft Sunday

Chicago, Jan. 28.—The steel steam ship, Alabama, this forenoon reached the freighter Sydney O. Neff which for a week has been frozen in an ice floe in Lake Michigan.

The wireless message received here stated that the crew were all safe and well and that the freighter was in such a position that she could be towed into open water.

The message made no mention of the seven men who made an attempt to cross the ice to the Neff on Sunday.

The Sydney O. Neff later entered the Chicago river with the crew and the seven men safe on board.

## HUNTING WET GOODS

Nation Wide Effort Started to En-  
force Prohibition

New York, Jan. 27.—A nationwide drive for the enforcement of the Federal prohibition law will begin today. Acting in accordance with plans formulated at Washington, revenue agents will institute a search of liquors as may come within the scope of the dry amendment.

Official raiding squads are being increased to carry on this task. Special agents are being sworn in on the wholesale plan in all revenue districts and are being coached by old and experienced sleuths in the art of "field work."

Each revenue district is being arranged into zones and each zone will have its allotment of "old timers" to work with the newcomers and show them just how locate their spirituous quarry.

All in all, it will be the most determined attack ever made upon liquor, and scarcely anywhere except in private homes, will the contents of the familiar bottle or jug be safe from confiscation.

BOLSHEVIKI DRIVEN  
ACROSS FRONTIERLetta Capture Guzyin with Thousand  
Prisoners and Much War  
Material

Copenhagen, Jan. 28.—Lettish troops have captured Guzyin, the last town in eastern Latvia occupied by Russian Bolsheviki and have reached the Lettish frontier in many places, according to a Lettish official report.

Much war material and a thousand prisoners were taken. The fighting continues along the entire front.

TWO BOWLERS DOWN  
MORE THAN 500 PINSTigers Beaten in Last String by  
Machinists and E. Z. Waist  
by Baptists

There were two matches last evening in the ten pin tournament at the Y. M. C. A. alleys. The Green Tigers were beaten in the last string by the Cooper Estate five scoring five points, and the E. Z. Waist quite conceded three points to the Baptist team. Whittaker made the high score of the evening 555.

Monday evening the Cooper Estate took four points from the heretofore invincible Tigers. Both teams were rather weak, the Green Tigers leading by 10 points until the last string when the Cooper Estate ran away with the game. The scores:

Cooper Estate.				
F. Perry	140	137	179	456
J. LaFlamme	104	182	168	454
R. Perry	173	136	152	461
J. Cmar	177	160	160	497
G. Atwood	157	124	200	481

Green Tigers				
G. Malory	161	172	160	493
R. Percy	133	117	144	394
A. Barrett	146	163	155	464
W. Harwood	165	122	145	432
E. Pilling	171	150	128	449

Baptist Church				
Whittaker	172	203	180	555
Morse	157	141	162	460
Barrett	150	171	145	466
White	167	153	180	500
Holloway	130	129	143	402

E. Z. Waist				
Powers	137	199	156	493
Ryan	154	130	147	431
Mort	127	140	154	421
Bridge	147	98	135	380

	776	797	810	2385

	107	703	736	2246

NEW FORD AUTO  
SOON READY TO  
END TROLLEYSVermont State Library  
Montpelier, Vt.

## ALCOHOL FOR ITS FUEL

Plans to Produce Alcohol from Straw  
and Vegetables Because Gasoline  
Supply Is Decreasing

Detroit, Jan. 27.—Henry Ford announces his new gasoline driven street car is almost ready, and he is so proud of the contraption that he will let it compete with the Wolverine the fast train on the Michigan Central Railroad in a run to Chicago, provided the Michigan Central officials are willing. The car is now being assembled and will be ready for a demonstration which Mr. Ford plans to make on the Detroit street railway system.

One of the interesting features of the new car is that apparently the motors are to be fitted for operation with alcohol as fuel. This was indicated by Mr. Ford's reply to a question about the statement of Henry L. Doherty that gasoline driven cars could not supplant electric ones, because the world's supply of oil would be exhausted in thirty years.

If on now making the best fuel my tractors can use out of straw," said Mr. Ford. "I've got an inexhaustible supply of fuel on my farm, over there across the road. I believe the day is coming when we will extract the alcohol out of fruit for fuel and use the rest as food. I'm putting up a \$35,000 plant now to manufacture alcohol from straw alone just to show people."

Mr. Ford explained his car, showing a four cylinder engine coupled to a motor. The motor will give 77 horsepower and will operate at 1,000 revolutions per minute. It is mounted on ball bearings throughout.

It is light and compact—just as compact, in fact, as the present electric motor on street cars and about the same size.

There is a second motor, which will develop 150 horsepower. This is the one which Mr. Ford expects to use in the Michigan Central test. It has an electric starter and an air compressor. Gasoline or kerosene can be used in both motors.

Test engines are used on the trucks which are of the double type. They are so designed as to receive the motor which will be fitted under the floor of the car and controlled from a switch in front of the car as electric cars are controlled by motormen now. The wheels are fitted with ball bearings and roll along with a touch.

## NORTH BENNINGTON

Once it grasps you there will be no  
escape! Adv.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church will be held on Thursday evening, January 29th, in the church at 7:30 in place of the mid-week prayer service. A set of stereopticon slides on medical missions will be shown. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

Tonight at Bank Hall Theatre: Paramount feature, "His Mother's Boy." Charles Ray is a real man and the play is full of live action and human interest. The scene shifts from a New England town to the Texas oil fields and there is something doing all the time. "Roping His Kameo" a two reel Sennett comedy will add plenty of fun and a Kinogram will give variety. Adv.

Notice is hereby given that there is to be a business meeting at the Methodist church at South Shaftsbury, Saturday, Jan. 31. Dinner will be served at 1 p. m. Dr. G. K. Statham will preside at the business meeting. The past year's work will be reviewed and plans laid for the future. At 3 p. m. there will be a study of our work in other fields. All officers and members are expected to be present while an urgent invitation is extended to all who are interested in the welfare of the church. Dr. Statham preaches Sunday p. m. Feb. 1.

## WEST ARLINGTON

Miss Ethel Hawley was home from  
Burr and Burton seminary over Sun-  
day.

Miss Dorothy Crofut of Burr and Burton seminary was home over Sunday.

Earl Conlin is the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conlin.

Miss Florence Wyman of Sunderland is the guest of Miss Wilma Randall.

George Smith has sold his farm in Salem and is residing with his son, A. H. Smith.

There is to be a donation at the home of George Curis, Jan. 29. All are welcome.

George King of Sandgate and Charles West of Shushan were the week end guests of Fred Hoyt.

Mrs. Fred Hoyt, who has been at the Putnam Memorial hospital for treatment, has returned home and is improving under Dr. Russell's care.

## MRS. F. W. SPEAR

Estimable Woman Resident Passed  
Away Tuesday Night

Mrs. Bessie Malloy Spear, wife of Fred W. Spear of School street, died at the Putnam Memorial hospital following an operation for appendicitis. She was taken Sunday to the hospital for surgical treatment from which she rallied and was apparently making good progress toward recovery. Complications developed, however, and she failed rapidly until the end Tuesday night.

The deceased was the daughter of the late Squire A. Mallory and Malissa Mallory and was born in Bennington December 10, 1853. She was married December 31, 1902, to Fred W. Spear, a sister, Mrs. Leda E. Smith of Kingston, N. Y., Charles M. and Edward of Bennington and Chester and James Mallory of Rensselaer, survive.

Mrs. Spear had passed her entire life in Bennington where, because of her estimable character, kindness and consideration for others she had acquired a large number of friends who will leave a gap in the community. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved husband in his deep affliction.

The funeral will be held from her late home on School street Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. G. Toward, pastor of the Bennington First Baptist church will officiate.

## SOLDIERS UNCARED FOR

South Dakota Congressman Tells of  
Visits to Hospitals

Washington, Jan. 27.—Sick and wounded soldiers are not receiving the treatment "guaranteed them by law," Representative Johnson (South Dakota), Republican, who served in the A. S. F., declared today in telling the House of his recent visits to Government hospitals.

"Because of ignorance or negligence, or because of a selfish disregard of the laws by Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury, or Rupert Blue, surgeon-general of the United States," said Representative Johnson, "sick and wounded American soldiers are receiving treatment that cannot be justified by anyone who has any regard for the well being of the men who fought to maintain the country."

Mr. Johnson's complaint of the care of soldiers was centered about Chicago hospitals.

"In Chicago January 15," he said, "American soldiers who had been seriously wounded and who had been brought to the receiving treatment for their wounds, were requested to leave the hospital and go to a private home. I saw them in more serious conditions, might take their beds in the hospitals."

"In these same hospitals men who have been gassed are quartered in dark hallways, where no ray of sunlight had been or ever will be, permitted to enter, and in the spite of the fact that since March 3, 1919, \$3,500,000 has been available and could and should have been used."

"If this condition is permitted to exist for a few months more, there will be thousands of wounded and sick American soldiers who need treatment and will be unable to secure it. In my opinion, thousands of them will die and the persons responsible for these deaths will be the men I have mentioned, or some of them, because Congress has performed its duty in appropriating the necessary funds while they have not performed theirs in expending them."

Mr. Johnson said that on December 7, he saw sixty men at the Fort Sheridan Army hospital, "who were not fed and many others who could not secure sufficient food." He added that his complaint of this to Secretary Baker resulted in an investigation which "admitted the truth of the complaint, and an attempt to remedy the situation."

The Representative exhibited a photograph of a bathroom, ten feet square, in the Chicago Marine hospital, which he said, was used for a vocational training work room.

"In that bathroom," he said, holding up the picture before the House, "ten men are supposed to work, and it would be crowded if three men were there at one time."

CENTER OF NEXT WAR  
LOCATED IN FAR EASTAustralian Premier Urges Preparation  
for Trouble Destined to  
Arise in the Pacific Area.

London, Jan. 28.—Australian Premier Hughes, speaking at Melbourne yesterday, said that the next war would probably break out in the Pacific.

"We must," said the premier, "be ready with a sufficiently large army to say thus far and no farther."

ERZBERGER'S WOUND  
DOES NOT IMPROVEBullet Fired by Would-Be Assassin  
Found Lodged in Shoulder  
Blade.

Berlin, Jan. 28.—The condition of Matthias Erzberger, who was shot Monday by a would be assassin is not so good today.

An examination showed that the bullet is firmly lodged in the shoulder blade.

Crabshell Barometer.

The Arancionians of Chile use a crabshell as a barometer. In dry, fair weather it is white, but when rain is approaching red spots appear on it, and when excessive moisture is in the atmosphere it becomes red all over.

RAILWAY UNIONS  
IN NEW DEMAND  
FOR MORE WAGESDemand Conference with Hines  
Early in February

## ARE WEARY OF WAITING

Railway Unions Also Seek to Prevent  
Return of Railroads to Former  
Control

Washington, Jan. 27.—The railway unions, representing more than 2,000,000 workers, are to make a drive upon the Railroad Administration for higher wages and a final adjustment of working conditions before March 1, when the railroads are returned to private control.

W. G. Lee, president of the Railway Trainmen, asked Director General Hines today for a conference to take up the wage demands which long have been pending. It was made known at the same time that other brotherhoods were tired of waiting of the Administration cost of living campaign. Last August they agreed to let their demands rest pending a showing as to whether living costs could be brought down to stop the upward trend of wages.

Director General Hines told President Lee that he was leaving Washington, but that he would hold a conference with the labor representatives early in February. As a result one of the largest delegations of railway union executives ever gathered here will assemble to thrash out the question and demand a showdown.

The unions, it is said, are prepared to demand a final answer and are prepared to enforce the demands if possible. The shophmen took a strike vote several months ago in which the membership authorized the executives to call a strike if the wage demands were not granted.

A delegate representing the railway employees' farms' organizations and the American Federation of Labor called today at the White House to urge retention of the railroads by the Government for not fewer than two years. They saw Secretary Tumulty, who promised to lay their appeal before the President at the earliest possible opportunity.

Labor representatives here are bringing up all possible pressure to bear to defeat the pending railroad legislation as embodied in the Cummins amendment to the Esch bill, which is now in conference.

## WYOMING RATIFIES

Voted Unanimously in Favor of Equal  
Suffrage

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 27.—The extra session of the Wyoming Legislature today completed ratification of the woman suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution, when the House passed the bill 44 to 0. The Senate acted yesterday.

## NO KISSING IN "FLU" TIME

Young Women Organize and Take the  
Pledge

Elmira, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Young women of Sayre, Pa., near here, in an effort to prevent spread of the "flu" have organized a society, members of which are sworn to refrain from being kissed until danger of the epidemic is past. The organization already has gained members in Waverly, N. Y., and Athens, Pa.

CENSUS NEARLY ENDED  
PLEASE REPORT ERRORSAny Person Not Listed Should Make  
Fact Known at Once Before  
Schedules are Filled.

The census in Bennington is practically completed today except a part of Ralph H. White's district outside the village. The enumerators in the village, J. George Hudkins and Joseph Mulligan are finishing up their work today.

If they have overlooked anybody they request that the fact be made known at once. The lists must be returned to the supervisor at once and corrections and additions should be reported instantly. If inconvenient to find the enumerators word may be left or telephoned to the Banner office or to the store of Mulligan & Roche.

Mr. Hudkins stated today that in his canvass of wards 4, 5, 6 and 7 he found only one case of poverty and that conditions were mostly good but overcrowded. He found cases of four and six people living in one room and believes that it is essential that a least a hundred houses be built this year. Many people new here will leave if they cannot get better quarters.

The condition of prosperity in some families is surprising. He found working families with a combined income of from \$150 to \$200 per week and one family which is earning \$217 weekly in the mills.

The biggest family of children he found was 13 while families of from 12 to 15 were occasionally met with. Health conditions are remarkably good and practically no one is out of work except a few who do not want to work in severe cold weather.

## FRANCIS WAGER SMITH DEAD

Former Bennington Boy and Professor  
at Wheaton College

Word has been received of the death on January twenty-first, of a former well-known young resident of Bennington, Francis Wager Smith, son of the late Otis and M. S. Smith, at his home in Wheaton, Ill.

While a resident of Bennington, Mr. Smith graduated from the local high school in the class of 1908 and was an active member of the Baptist church. After his graduation here, Mr. Smith entered Yale law school from which he graduated in 1911. Later, deciding to make teaching his profession, he received the degree of Bachelor of Science from the New York State college for Teachers at Albany and the degree of Master of Arts from the Iowa State University. For the past three years, Mr. Smith has been secretary of Wheaton college at Wheaton, Ill., and also professor of history and social science at that institution.

Professor Smith's death came as a great shock to his many friends as he had been ill only one day with pneumonia. He is survived by his wife, two small sons, Leonard Theiss and Francis Wager Smith, Jr., and his mother, Mrs. Otis Smith, formerly of Bennington.

A funeral service was conducted at the late home of Professor Smith in Wheaton, Ill., on Friday afternoon by President Blanchard and the faculty, after which the remains were brought to the home of his mother, 534 Fourth Avenue, North Troy, where a short service was held Sunday afternoon.

The interment was in Oakland cemetery where the committal service was conducted by the Masonic fraternity.

## FOOD WAREHOUSES IN EUROPE

Arrangements Made Whereby Ameri-  
cans May Help Relatives  
Overseas

Announcement has been made by the American Relief Administration of a plan by which people in this country may purchase, for the benefit of their relatives in certain places in Europe, foodstuffs. There are already warehouses located in Warsaw, Prague, Hamburg, Vienna and Budapest.

The American relief administration will sell at the banks, food drafts, calling for delivery of certain stated quantities of food on presentation of the drafts by the individuals in these foreign countries. Details of the plan have been sent by the American relief administration to all members of the American Bankers' association, the plan has the endorsement of the American Bankers' association, the State department and all foreign countries in which the administration will operate.

## RAISED \$130 FOR ITALIANS

Money Donated by Benningtonians to  
Help Italy's Orphans.

An Italian relief committee recently organized in Bennington, consisting of Mrs. Mary Savo an employee of the Bennington Hosiery company, Joseph Nappa, employed at the Payne Brush factory, and Antonio Nadoni, who works for the Black Cat Textiles company, has collected \$130 which will be sent overseas for the use of Italian orphans.

Mr. Nappa on Saturday will forward the money to the Italian consul at Albany.

JUGO-SLAVS NOT READY  
TO ACCEPT ULTIMATUMDelegates to Peace Conference Con-  
fident Such Course Would Result  
in Downfall of Cabinet

Paris, Jan. 28.—Members of the Jugo-Slav delegation to the peace conference declare that there can be no foundation for the reports from Bern, Switzerland, that the Belgrade government had decided to accept the allies' ultimatum relative to a settlement of the Adriatic question.

The delegates expressed the confidence that their government would refuse to meet the terms and say that any cabinet rather than agree to the proposal of the allies would resign.

Paris, Jan. 28.—The reply of the Jugo-Slavs to the allies' ultimatum regarding the Adriatic question was received in Paris today. It amounts to a virtual refusal to agree in the compromise offered by the Italian government.

The reply is believed to suggest a new basis of compromise along the lines of President Wilson's proposition.

GOMPERS DEFEATED  
BY HIS OWN LOCALFor First Time in Years Will Not At-  
tend Federation Convention  
As Delegate

New York, Jan. 28.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was defeated Monday in the election for delegates to the Cigar Makers' International Union convention, held by local 144, the organization to which he has belonged for more than 40 years. Mr. Gompers was a cigar maker until 1882 when he became president of the A. F. of L. and is first vice-president of the Cigar Makers' International Union. The coming convention, which is expected to be held in Chicago in April, will be the first one to which he has not been a delegate in many years.

Morris B. own, secretary of local 144, and one of the elected delegates said Monday night that he believed the defeat of Mr. Gompers was due to the influence of the younger men in the union. "They are progressive," he said, "and believe that Mr. Gompers is too conservative to advance the cause of labor with proper speed."

EX-GOV. GRAHAM  
ACCUSED DIRECT  
BY SUCCESSORGates Says Graham - Admitted  
Taking Funds

## TO PREVENT BANKRUPTCY

Graham Was at That Time Threaten-  
ed with Financial Ruin By  
Senator C. S. Page

Montpelier, Jan. 27.—Testimony that former Gov. Horace F. Graham, once said that he took money from the state when he was auditor in order to prevent United States Senator Carroll S. Page from instituting bankruptcy proceedings against him, was given today in the trial of Graham for embezzlement of State funds.

The witness, Benjamin J. Gates, the present State Auditor, said the Graham made this statement to him adding that he would give his entire salary to reimburse the State. Gates said he told Graham that he ought not to use his whole salary, but should retain enough to live on.

In cross-examination, Auditor Gates said the former Governor paid the State \$19,880. He was asked about an alleged additional credit for Graham of \$5348 and another of \$1100 but said that he did not know anything about them, and had not heard that these sums had been paid to the State Treasurer.

When the state questioned the materiality of questions asked by the defense as to accompanying Mr. Graham to family affairs with the duties of examining the accounts of county clerks, Mr. Stickney made a reference to "former truths" and the respondents' desire to bring out the full facts.

This brought Attorney General Archibald to his feet. Said he: "It has been repeatedly asserted here that the state is trying to suppress the truth. The state has no such desire and the accusation is unwarranted. What the witness did to family affairs with his duties has nothing to do with the case, so far as I am personally concerned and so far as it has been urged by counsel of the state."

Anything that warrants such accusation I want it pointed out. That charge has been made by my brother Stickney repeatedly in the presence of the jury by direct words or innuendoes."

Judge Butler remarked that there was nothing to show so far that there was a desire to suppress the truth. A reference followed at the bench.

Mr. Gates testified on cross-examination further that he received no information from Mr. Graham on how to run the office when he took charge. He said he got his information from Mr. Joslin and other clerks and from observation. Pressed further, witness said he did not have the impression that Mr. Graham was not willing to help him.

## WAGE DISPUTE SETTLED

Agreement Reached in New England  
and Providence Case

Boston, Jan. 27.—Settlement of the wage disputes between the telephone operators' union and the New England and Providence Telephone companies was announced tonight by Miss Julia S. O'Connor, president of the telephone operators' department of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The lower paid operators, Miss O'Connor said, will receive wage increases of from \$1 to \$2.50 a week, and length of service before an operator attains the maximum wage is reduced from seven to five and one-half years. Higher paid operators will not get an increase. More than 80 per cent of the operating force will be affected by the settlement.

## SWEDEN PLANS WOMAN LAWS

Provision for Their Employment by  
the Government One of Pro-  
posed Measures.

Washington.—The Swedish government has announced a number of important legislative measures to be taken up by the 1920 riksdag, the state department has been advised.

Improvement of the status of married women, provision for the government employment of women, development of the principle of the arbitration board, penal law reforms, electricity of railroads and open voting in the riksdag are mentioned in an official communique issued by the government.

Swiss Funeral Customs.

Swiss funeral customs are peculiar. At the death of a person the family bestir for sympathy. In front of the house is placed a black table on which stands a black jar. Into this the friends of the family drop little black-married visiting cards. Only men go to the churchyard.

Prison His Safety.

When the West Indian city of St. Pierre was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Pelee some years ago all its inhabitants except and lost their lives. The sole survivor was a prisoner in an underground dungeon.

SOCIALISTS DID  
NOT GIVE PLEDGE  
TO SOVIET ENVOYDenial Today at Trial of Sus-  
pended Assemblymen

## OUTCASTS RESPONSIBLE

Waldeman's Speech Endorsing Ideas  
of Lenin and Trotsky Introduced  
During Hearing

Albany, Jan. 8.—Denial that the socialists had pledged support to L. C. A. K. Martens, "ambassador" to America of the Russian soviet government or had endorsed Martens' plans for the establishment of a soviet system of government in America was made by counsel for the defense at the opening of the trial today of the five suspended assemblymen before the judiciary committee.

Seymour Steadman declared that the greetings to Martens were sent by an "outcast" faction in the eighth district, represented by Louis Waldeman, one of the suspended assemblymen. This faction, Steadman said, even nominated a man to oppose Waldman for reelection.

A speech introduced by Assemblyman Waldman, and which was introduced during the hearing yesterday closed with the following paragraph: "We must elect between two alternatives: Either Russia lives and conquers the world—not Russia conquers the world, but its ideas and philosophy worthy of the Russian government; today should conquer the world; either that or the idea and philosophy of Gary and Wilson and Palmer. Lloyd George and Clemenceau are to conquer the world. Between the two for my part, we choose to stand by the ideas, philosophy, program and principles of Lenin and Trotsky."

Testimony in support of the allegation that the socialist party required candidates for public office to sign blank resignations before election day was given by Mayor George L. Lunn of Schenectady today.

Lunn, who was read out of the party, said that his break with the socialists followed his refusal to sign a blank on the occasion of his second nomination. He also refused to discharge a socialist employee who voted for a non-socialist candidate.

At the socialist convention in Rochester in 1914 he sought to obtain a modification of the resignation clause in the platform, pointing out that aliens might be members of the party and therefore help to dictate the policies of public officers.

SEEKS \$150,000,000  
FOR EUROPEAN